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**B.B.C. AND RINGING.**

The president of the Central Council made an interesting statement at the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, last Saturday, on the subject of bell broadcasts. One of the most important points in his speech was the assurance that, contrary to any fears which may have been provoked in some quarters by a recent occurrence, the relations between the British Broadcasting Corporation and the Ancient Society of College Youths, who were chiefly concerned, remain perfectly friendly, and the attitude of the B.B.C. towards bellringing is unimpaired. No one will begrudge the College Youths the limelight of publicity which their tercentenary attracted, even though their special broadcast had a tendency to relegate the rest of the ringing organisations of London and the country to the shadows. The 'quarrel' between the B.B.C. and one of the members of the society seems to have been a storm in a teacup, but it would be interesting to know who gave the advance information to the London newspapers—the B.B.C. or the member concerned. It was this publicity that stirred up outside feeling. It is, however, gratifying to know from the president of the Council that there is no risk of this personal squabble affecting the general relations of the B.B.C. with ringing.

Mr. Lewis was also able to tell the Exercise that the B.B.C. had asked him for criticisms on bell broadcasts and, as was to be expected from one who has been an unflinching critic on other occasions, he has given the B.B.C. some candid opinions. It is fully recognised by ringers that some of the examples of ringing that have been heard on the air have not only been a poor advertisement for the craft, but a disgrace. We can imagine that from no other source would the B.B.C. have tolerated such poor exhibitions of 'skill,' and it can only have been because there was no one in a responsible position capable of forming an opinion. Mr. Lewis' suggestion, therefore, that the B.B.C. should have a member of their staff trained as a critic of ringing is a very useful one. It might, however, be a shorter cut to the desired end if, in consultation with the president of the Central Council, half a dozen ringers of acknowledged ability in different parts of the country were appointed by the B.B.C. to carry out these duties in their respective areas. Such men, with clear and independent judgment, could, we have no doubt, easily be found, and 'ready-made' critics of long experience might simplify the task for the B.B.C. in more ways than one. But those who desire to see the credit of good ringing upheld in broadcasts will not mind which line the B.B.C. adopt, as long as they

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do something in the matter. We are not unhopeful that there may be a practical outcome of Mr. Lewis' criticisms. Unknown to him when making his speech, he had next to him, in the Provost of Guildford Cathedral, a member of the B.B.C. Advisory Committee on Religious Matters, into whose purview come the broadcast services. The Provost confessed himself deeply interested in and impressed by what Mr. Lewis had said, and, thus fortified, the president's criticisms which have gone to the B.B.C. may bear fruit.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 1	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE ... .. 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 2	MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 7
THOMAS E. DENYER ... .. 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... .. 8
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 9
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 5	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*AIDAN J. N. BOYACK ... .. 1	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... .. 6
HENRY RUMENS ... .. 2	ERNEST W. PYE ... .. 7
JAMES BENNETT ... .. 3	ERNEST E. HOLMAN ... .. 8
CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4	FRED C. MAYNARD ... .. 9
ROBERT J. MAYNARD ... .. 5	FREDERICK C. TAYLOR ... .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by C. T. COLES.

\* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 1	*FRANK K. MEASURES ... .. 6
FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. 2	*R. S. WILLIAM SMITH ... .. 7
ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3	J. ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 8
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... .. 4	*WILLIAM A. WOOD ... .. 9
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... .. 5	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... .. Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First ten-bell peal.

READING, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 5, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 20 lb.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 1	NELSON ELLIOTT ... .. 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 2	C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 7
KENNETH SNELLING ... .. 3	JACK M. CRIPPS ... .. 8
WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 9
RAYMOND OVERY ... .. 5	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. A. BURFORD. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells.

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THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 6, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 6
*FRANK MITCHELL ... .. 2	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 7
*ALFRED LEA, JUN. ... .. 3	THOMAS CATHERALL ... .. 8
*FRED HARTMAN ... .. 4	WILLIAM CATHERALL ... .. 9
WILLIAM JONES ... .. 5	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by PERCY SWINDLEY.  
\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.

STONHAM ASPALL, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HARRY D. LISTER ... .. Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMMING... .. 6
*CHARLES TAYLOR ... .. 2	SHELFORD SPARROW ... .. 7
†SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... .. 3	ARTHUR GRIMWOOD ... .. 8
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 4	ARTHUR R. WOODARD ... .. 9
JAMES BETTS ... .. 5	EDWIN A. CRACKNELL ... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 275). Conducted by H. D. LISTER  
\* First attempt for a peal on ten bells. † First attempt for Kent Royal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HORACE BELCHER ... .. Treble	CHARLES M. GRIMWOOD ... .. 6
MRS. ELLEN E. DAVIS ... .. 2	HARRY W. SIMMONS ... .. 7
*MRS. C. H. KIPPIN ... .. 3	FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 8
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 4	WILFRED WILLIAMS ... .. 9
EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5	DANIEL COOPER ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. BENNETT. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.  
\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 8, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Treble	*CHARLES E. PERKINS ... .. 6
ALFRED ROWLEY ... .. 2	ALFRED DAVIES ... .. 7
*WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. 3	*NORMAN LEACH ... .. 8
JOHN LLOYD ... .. 4	*HENRY HUBBALL ... .. 9
JOHN BASS ... .. 5	†JOHN GOODMAN ... .. Tenor

Composed by W. H. BARBER. Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.  
\* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Treble Ten.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HILGAY, NORFOLK.  
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

FRED MATTHEWS ... .. Treble	JOHN BUCKENHAM ... .. 5
ALFRED LANGTON ... .. 2	LESLIE G. HOUGHTON... .. 6
*FRED G. JEFFRIES ... .. 3	WILLIAM BUCKENHAM... .. 7
WALTER J. HOUGHTON ... .. 4	ARTHUR G. BASON ... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.  
\* First peal.

EASTBOURNE.—At Christ Church, on New Year's Eve, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled: H. Dallaway (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Savage 2, E. Baber 3, R. Pankhurst 4, H. Renolds 5, F. Dallaway (conductor) 6, H. Hobden 7, W. Erridge 8.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 28, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt.

*JAMES R. LAMBKIN ... .. Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 2	FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. 6
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 3	HARRY PARKES ... .. 7
JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 4	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. J. E. Bailey's 50th peal.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

T. COLIN RYDER ... .. Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 5
*TOM BROTHWELL ... .. 2	†NORMAN CHADDOCK ... .. 6
WILLIE GREEN ... .. 3	REGINALD PAYNE ... .. 7
*R. WILLIAM BARBER... .. 4	ALBERT NASH ... .. Tenor

Composed by GEO. LEWIS.

Conducted by A. NASH.

\* First peal in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*THOMAS W. TOMLINSON ... Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 5
HENRY HUTTON ... .. 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 6
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 7
C. ERNEST SMITH ... .. 4	HERBERT W. COLLIER ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal of Triples. Rung with the bells half-muffled, for the passing of the old year.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HENRY G. W. COOPER ... Treble	†GEORGE W. MORRIS ... .. 5
*WILLIAM F. ELLINGHAM ... 2	WALTER SPARROW ... .. 6
HENRY C. CHANDLER ... .. 3	CHARLES S. BIRD ... .. 7
*FREDERICK J. CATTERMOUL 4	ERNEST R. GLADMAN ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by C. S. BIRD.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal and first attempt. The band are Sunday service ringers at Heston.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GORDON W. LIMMER ... .. Treble	JOHN E. TAYLOR ... .. 5
*MARTIN A. BLAMEY ... .. 2	†CYRIL A. BURGESS ... .. 6
†PETER A. BLAMEY ... .. 3	GEORGE H. LIMMER ... .. 7
†BRYAN O'NEILL ... .. 4	GEORGE GILBERT ... .. Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by GEO. GILBERT.

\* First peal of Treble Bob away from treble. † First peal of Kent. First peal of Kent by the St. Peter's Society. Rung for watch-night service.

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ALDERSHOT, HANTS.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation). Tenor 8 1/4 cwt.

*RONALD KENWARD ... .. Treble	†ROLAND ELDRIDGE ... .. 5
WILL H. VIGGERS ... .. 2	CHARLES W. DENYER ... .. 6
†ERIC V. SYMONDS ... .. 3	THOMAS E. DENYER ... .. 7
*WILLIAM G. CHALLEN ... .. 4	REGINALD J. WHITFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by T. E. DENYER.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled, by an entirely local band, prior to the watch-night service.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM BROADBENT ... Treble	HARRY GRACE ... .. 5
EDWIN C. BIRKETT ... .. 2	CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... .. 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 3	LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 7
THOMAS HESKETH ... .. 4	FRANK VARTY ... .. Tenor

Composed by E. L. HUMPHRISS. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON

\* First peal. Rung in celebration of the jubilee of the church, which was consecrated on December 31st, 1887.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18 3/4 cwt.

NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 5
FRANK WALKER ... .. 2	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 6
JOHN WHEADON ... .. 3	JAMES E. BAILEY ... .. 7
HERBERT HOLDEN ... .. 4	JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

The conductor's 700th peal.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 37 cwt.

RALPH NARBOROUGH ... Treble	FRANK BRADLEY ... .. 5
RONALD F. SALTER ... .. 2	J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 6
GEORGE E. FOSTER ... .. 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... .. 7
J. ALFRED BARRATT ... .. 4	WALTER NICHOLS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE LEE ... .. Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5
JOHN HAYES ... .. 2	WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... .. 6
HARRY LEWIS ... .. 3	PERCY SWINDLEY ... .. 7
JOHN BEST ... .. 4	EDWARD PRICE ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. FLETCHER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled at the close of the old year. All the band are Sunday service ringers.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F.

DAVID HUGHES ... .. Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5
FRANK VARTY ... .. 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. 6
RALPH G. EDWARDS ... .. 3	LESTER L. GRAY ... .. 7
*DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... 4	JAMES C. E. SIMPSON ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. C. E. SIMPSON.

\* First peal on eight bells.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

PAST MASTERS' PEAL.

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 1/2 cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	Elected Master 1927, 1931	... .. Treble
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	" " 1932...	... .. 2
PERCY E. CLARK	" " 1924, 1930	... .. 3
JAMES BULLOCK	" " 1928 ..	... .. 4
ALBERT A. HUGHES	" " 1914-1918	... .. 5
CHARLES S. BURDEN	" " 1909...	... .. 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE	" " 1926...	... .. 7
E. ALEX. YOUNG	" " 1933...	... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE.

Rung for the tercentenary of the society.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, CAMBRIDGE, BRISTOL, & SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWIN JENNINGS ... .. Treble	FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 5
HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... .. 3	WALTER AYRE ... .. 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 4	ROALD G. CASHMORE ... Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

The peal consisted of 2,240 London, 1,728 Bristol and 576 each Superlative and Cambridge, with 116 changes of method.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SPLICED LONDON, BRISTOL, CAMBRIDGE, SUPERLATIVE AND LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN BASS ... .. Treble	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 5
WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 3	THOMAS HEMMING ... .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT

This peal contained 3,072 London, 640 Cambridge, 576 Bristol, 576 Superlative and 320 Lincolnshire, with 124 changes of method. First peal of Spliced Surprise in five methods by all the band, on the bells and for the association.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (6th observation). Tenor 14 1/2 cwt.

FRANK BARNARD ... .. Treble	JOHN BROUGH ... .. 5
RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 2	GEORGE A. PACKER ... .. 6
HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 3	HARRY OVERTON ... .. 7
JOE BOYER ... .. 4	FRANK OLLIER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD D. LANGFORD.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Two Hours & Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 3/4 cwt.

FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... Treble	HARRY HOVERD ... .. 5
EDWIN A. BARNETT ... .. 2	THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6
HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7
HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 4	PHILIP A. CORBY ... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by P. A. CORBY.

First Surprise peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. A. Holden on his birthday.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 11, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt.  
W. GAINNEY ... .. Treble | C. HAYLINGS... .. 4  
E. MAUND ... .. 2 | A. GRIFFIN ... .. 5  
\*T. BENNETT ... .. 3 | J. HILL ... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. HAYLINGS.

\* First peal.

SOUTH SHIELDS, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Wednesday, December 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of seven 720's, two of Oxford and two of Kent, with 720 of Plain Bob between each. Tenor 9½ cwt.

\*RAYMOND KEDDIE ... .. Treble | \*CHARLES LEA ... .. 4  
\*THOMAS F. GRESTON... .. 2 | \*HARRY LEA ... .. 5  
\*STANLEY PATTERSON... .. 3 | WILLIAM ROBSON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBSON.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCS.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one extent each of Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, and one of combined Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

\*FRED LACEY ... .. Treble | HAROLD JUDD ... .. 4  
FRANK LORD ... .. 2 | ERNEST BRITTAIN ... .. 5  
\*FRED JEFFERY ... .. 3 | JACK BRAY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal in eight methods.

POWICK, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Forty-two extents, ten callings. Tenor 23½ cwt.

\*GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. Treble | \*REGINALD WOODYATT ... .. 4  
\*WILLIAM POWELL ... .. 2 | THOMAS W. LEWIS ... .. 5  
\*ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 3 | WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

BRAMFORD, IPSWICH.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD... .. Treble | CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... .. 4  
URBAN W. WILDNEY ... .. 2 | EDGAR RIVERS ... .. 5  
Miss SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER 3 | GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

A birthday peal for the conductor.

MARGATE.—On Sunday morning, December 5th, at the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: Miss L. Wickens (Braidstairs) 1, J. Russell (Birchington) 2, F. Gadsden (conductor) 3, E. Spickett 4, J. Waghorn 5, A. Wickens (Broadstairs) 6, A. Saxby 7, R. Whybrow 8. Ringers of 3, 4, 5 and tenor are members of the local band.

PEBMARSH, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in B flat.

RALPH BIRD ... .. Treble | CLAUDE SNOWDON ... .. 4  
\*GEORGE A. TREDELL ... .. 2 | RONALD SUCKLING ... .. 5  
JOHN W. WARD ... .. 3 | Miss HILDA SNOWDON ... .. Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by R. BIRD.

\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Cambridge Minor.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

\*FRED BARTON ... .. Treble | ROBERT G. CATCHPOLE ... .. 4  
ARTHUR S. BROTHERS ... .. 2 | ERIC DURRANT ... .. 5  
HERBERT V. DIGBY ... .. 3 | WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... .. Tenor

Conducted by Wm. C. DUFFIELD.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung immediately before tolling out the old year.

CADOXTON, NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 31, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

WYNDHAM LEWIS... .. Treble | EDWARD PHILLIPS ... .. 4  
ALBERT DEVONALD ... .. 2 | BENJAMIN WILLIAMS ... .. 5  
DAVID REES ... .. 3 | GWYN I. LEWIS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. I. LEWIS.

The bells were half-muffled to ring out the old year.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

JABEZ PREECE ... .. Treble | GEORGE T. COUSINS ... .. 4  
LESLIE EVANS ... .. 2 | WILLIAM DUGGAN ... .. 5  
HARRY T. CHANDLER ... .. 3 | ERNEST F. SALMONS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. F. SALMONS.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

One extent each of Double Oxford, Single Court, St. Clement's, and two extents each of Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

\*H. IVAN SALT ... .. Treble | MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL 4  
†J. RICHARD WILSON ... .. 2 | JACK VESSEY ... .. 5  
MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... .. 3 | CLIFFORD A. VESSEY ... .. Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

SEMLEY, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's: (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Double Oxford; (3) St. Clement's; (4) Single Oxford; (5) Double Court; (6) Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 26 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... Treble | REV. ALFRED G. THURLOW 4  
\*ARTHUR S. RICHARDS ... .. 2 | REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ... .. 5  
NOLAN GOLDEN ... .. 3 | A. PATRICK CANNON ... .. Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

\* First peal in eight methods 'inside,' and first in more than one method on the bells.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ANTHONY E. F. TROTMAN ... Treble	HARRY PROUT .. ... 4
HAROLD C. R. VINE ... .. 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE ... .. 5
ROBERT WAKE ... .. 3	PHILIP H. TOCOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 1, 1938, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Forty-two extents, with ten callings. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH SAUNDERS ... .. 1 reble	WILLIAM TURNER, JUN. ... 4
WILLIAM TURNER, SEN. ... .. 2	ALFRED W. GLAZZARD ... 5
CHARLES LUCAS ... .. 3	EDWARD AMIES ... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED W. GLAZZARD.

The first known peal by a local band at Hartlebury.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, January 2, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

RONALD W. STEWARD... .. Treble	SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER... .. 4
HARRY J. MILLET ... .. 2	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... .. 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 3	JAMES W. JENNINGS ... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. JENNINGS.

First peal as conductor.

SCOTTOW, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 3, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.

ALFRED W. KING... .. Treble	DENNIS BELL ... .. 4
MISS JEAN BELL ... .. 2	ERIC DURRANT ... .. 5
GEORGE BELL ... .. 3	WALTER C. MEDLER ... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER C. MEDLER.

A compliment to the Rector of Scottow on his 77th birthday.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

'THE COLLEGE YOUTHS'

A History of the Society  
by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE

'This is one of the very few books I have read which seem to me might, with advantage, have been considerably longer.'—The Dean of St. Paul's.

'Mr. Trollope has achieved more than his immediate purpose of writing a history of the Society of College Youths. So closely has the guild been identified with English change ringing that its history is to a very large extent an account of the ancient sport of ringing developed into an elaborate art. . . .

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FOR BEGINNERS.

RAISING AND FALLING IN PEAL.

The ability to raise and lower bells in peal should be acquired by every ringer, and it should be made a part of the training of the beginner. Unfortunately the practice of raising and falling in peal is nothing like as general as it ought to be and much good ringing is afterwards spoilt by the clashing of bells when they are let down. It is strange that so many bands 'shy' at raising and falling—processes which, if well carried out, add to the effectiveness of change ringing.

It needs practice, but there is nothing difficult about it. Moreover, it is a thing that should help the young ringer to learn bell control and improve the standard of his striking, for it is something that demands the use of his ears.

In raising in peal the process required is a steady pull at every stroke. The treble and then the other bells are swung so as to strike at a short interval after each other, the heavier bells gradually joining in. The treble is swung higher and higher, the others following at such intervals that the whole of them sound in rounds before the next blow of the treble. The intervals are gradually widened out until eventually the bells are up and under full command.

A great deal depends on the trebleman. He must endeavour to keep the rise going at a regular rate of progression, otherwise he will probably throw the whole of the bells into a heap. It is important to keep the bells going higher with each pull.

Good practice for the trebleman can be got by lashing the clappers of the treble and tenor bells; then, while the tenorman gradually pulls his bell up, the trebleman keeps his bell exactly at the opposite stroke.

Falling in peal is done, of course, by the opposite process to raising. The secret is keeping control of the bells all the way down. This does not mean, of course, that a bell can be 'held' when it is half-way down in the same way as can a bell when it is being rung full up; but it is possible to handle a bell so that it can be 'felt' all the way down, and so that a very slight pull on the rope will keep it a little wider or a slight check will close it in.

The bells begin at the usual 'rounds' pace and then gradually close in to a quicker compass as they fall. The tenorman really 'makes the pace,' and the trebleman must keep his bell at the opposite stroke to the tenor as long as his bell is 'sallying'—that is as long as a handstroke can be distinguished from a backstroke.

The fall of the treble should be steady and continuous and accommodated to the speed at which the tenor is coming down. One thing that should be avoided is to let the bells get partly down and stay there, or start going up again. Every ringer must use his ears, for a bell too fast or too slow for the others will soon spoil the effect of a fall. If a ringer finds he is too wide he must check his bell, but it should be done with judgment. If done too violently, the result will be that he hits the bell below him next time. If he is too close, he must pull his bell up just a trifle, but again with discretion. Or he may find himself too wide at the next stroke.

Good raising and falling, we repeat, can be done with practice, and it is practice that is well worth while, both from the point of view of the ringer and the public.

CLASHING MEETINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As an officer of the association which appears to be the cause of some of the criticism by Mr. Cannon, will you kindly permit me to reply to his latest of many efforts in 'The Ringing World'?

The arrangement of meetings is the association's own concern, through its officers, and if neighbouring associations like to hold their meeting on the same day they should do so, because it is entirely their own business, and not that of interfering busybodies who have oceans of leisure time and little better to do but to write to 'The Ringing World' on the slightest pretext.

The visitors enjoy the hospitality of the association which is holding the meeting, and if they cannot 'bag' two fresh towers because of clashing meetings, well—what of it? Arrangements are not made specially for the visitors' benefit, although they are always welcome.

There is in some parts of the country the usual 'cut throating' between associations. Mr. Cannon, if not too obtuse, should be cognisant of it. Clashing meetings would not affect the members of either association.

C. H. KIPPIN.

APPRECIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly allow me space in your columns to thank the many friends from both far and near who have lately sent or written to me. I would like to make a few brief comments thereon. One friend says in a letter that he hardly knows what to say to me, being where I am. As if that should make any difference? Another who also sends a card with greetings adds some interesting news and the card I will quote, 'Oh be thou blest with all that Heaven can send, long health, long youth, long pleasures and a friend.' I leave your readers to judge for themselves what this beautiful quotation means to one, deprived of one's liberty and freedom. I need only add that the sender and receiver have been friends for more years than one cares to remember and with never a cross word between them. But what a contrast to others who choose to pass by on the other side! Further comment is needless.

Colchester.

W. KEEBLE.

## PEAL NOTES.

Eight Past Masters of the Ancient Society of College Youths rang a peal of Stedman Triples at Milton-next-Gravesend on New Year's Day in honour of the tercentenary.

The ringers were J. S. Hawkins (St. Andrew's, Holborn), F. M. Mitchell (Milton-next-Gravesend), P. E. Clark (St. Stephen's, Ealing), J. Bullock (Dagenham), A. A. Hughes (St. Laurence Jewry), C. S. Burden (St. Paul's Cathedral), T. Groombridge (Chislehurst), E. A. Young (St. Clement Danes). It is over 12 years since Mr. E. A. Young rang a peal.

The conductor, Mr. Tom Groombridge, was fortunate in having his two stewards present, 'to see he carried out his job properly.'

A peal has probably never before been rung by eight Past Masters of the society, and this forms a new and very interesting record in connection with a memorable celebration.

A New Year's Day peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Nantwich, Cheshire. Mr. J. Boyer, of Walkden, Lancs, kindly stood in at the last moment, in place of one of the local ringers, who was taken ill.

A highly creditable performance was achieved at South Shields on December 29th, when of a band of six, five rang their first peal, and the other his first as conductor. This was a peal of Minor in three methods.

Mr. Walter Ayre rang his 200th peal for the Hertford County Association at Bushey on January 1st, when four Surprise methods were spliced, with 116 changes of method. It was the fiftieth peal which Messrs. Harold Cashmore and Francis Kirk have rung together.

By ringing the tenor to a peal of Stedman Doubles at Powick, Worcestershire, on December 30th, 'Bill' Ranford achieved his ambition of completing a peal on each bell in the tower. He had previously rung six peals on these bells, all of which had been in seven methods.

This veteran at 68 still has enough enthusiasm to want to achieve another ambition, that of ringing a peal in 100 different towers. He only needs five more to do this.

Another veteran in the peal, R. G. Knowles, who is 71, rang his first peal of Stedman Doubles, thus, along with G. E. Large and R. Woodyatt, completing peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. 'Tom' Lewis and 'Bill' Ranford had already accomplished this. Powick bells are a noble ring of six, with a tenor 23½ cwt. in E flat, but require hard work all the way through a peal.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE PEALS.

For many years it has been a regular practice to attempt (and usually to ring) a half-muffled peal at Guildford Cathedral to mark the passing of the old year. The custom was carried out on Friday, but the peal was completed only just in time. The steeplekeeper had but three minutes in which to climb the tower and whip off the muffles before the midnight hour struck and the open bells heralded the new year.

Another half-muffled peal, which came round just before midnight, was Grandsire Triples at St. Mary-without-the-Walls, Chester. Open bells greeted the New Year. The peal was rung by the Sunday service ringers.

Miss Sylvia Bowyer rang her 50th peal on the last day of the old year at Bramford, Suffolk. Over 40 of her peals were rung in 1937.

The young band at Burnham, Bucks, have now added a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major to their society's peal book. This was rung just before midnight on New Year's Eve when the old year was tolled out, and the New Year was ushered in with a touch of Stedman Triples.

A local band at Aldershot rang a peal of Grandsire Triples for the watch-night service on New Year's Eve. It was Tom Denyer's first peal as conductor. His father has taught dozens of youngsters to ring on this light peal of bells, including all his family of two daughters and three sons.

The peal of Superlative Surprise at Conisborough, Yorkshire, on December 30th, was specially arranged for Mr. R. W. Barber, of Norwich. It was his first peal in the method, as it was also the first in the method by Messrs. Tom Brothwell and Norman Chaddock.

On the jubilee of St. Peter's Church, Woolton, Liverpool, which was consecrated on December 31st, 1887, a peal of Bob Major was rung to celebrate the anniversary.

A peal of Cambridge rung at Dartford on New Year's Eve brought to an end a year which has probably never been equalled during the 200 years of ringing at that tower.

Of the ten peals attempted, nine were successfully brought home, the one failure being a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was lost after 2 hours 45 minutes of good ringing.

The peals rung consisted of Bob Major 1, Grandsire Triples 1, Stedman Triples 3, Cambridge Surprise 2, Superlative Surprise 1, Double Norwich 1.

Four ringers shared in the conducting, one peal being N. Summerhaves' first as conductor, and three peals had the footnote 'First in the method as conductor,' while two peals were the first peal in the method for two ringers.

The peals included one rung for the Coronation, a wedding, a birthday compliment to Canon Mitchell, Vicar of Dartford, and a half-muffled peal to mark the passing of 'Ted' Brown, a Dartford ringer for 25 years.

The New Year's Eve peal was H. E. Audsley's 700th, and it is to be hoped he will be able to add another dozen rung at Dartford before the end of 1938.

Mr. Harry Prout learnt to ring at Litton Cheney, Dorset, 40 years ago, but he had never rung a peal on the bells until last New Year's Day, when a peal of Minor was specially arranged at this church to enable him to carry out this laudable ambition.

A peal of Treble Ten was rung in 3 hours 15 minutes at St. Giles' Church, Wrexham, on January 6th—the quickest peal of Royal on the bells, which have a tenor of 25 cwt. The peal was arranged and rung for the first anniversary of the wedding of the Vicar (Canon B. Davies) and Mrs. Davies, and in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Jones. Mr. Jones is the respected verger of St. Giles' Church.

The first known peal by a local band at Hartlebury, Worcestershire, was rung on New Year's Day. It was 42 six-scores of Grandsire, rung as a compliment to Mr. Charles Beaman, who has been a Sunday service ringer at Hartlebury for 54 years, and to celebrate the golden wedding of two parishioners, Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

Although St. Laurence's, Reading, had had ten bells for many years before the ring was augmented to twelve, it was not until January 5th that a peal of Surprise Royal was rung on them.

There are many interesting performances that could be recalled in connection with this tower, but one must suffice. A peal was rung here some 50 years ago by a band all of the Christian name of William, and all of whom were regular ringers at St. Laurence's Church. The peal was called by William Williams.

### GOOD START FOR NEW YEAR.

The peal of Stedman Caters at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on New Year's Day, was rung after a period of peal inactivity. Some of the bells seemed to have developed a fit of obstinacy, which has now very largely worn off. It was at St. Mary's that the ten thousand of Cambridge Royal was rung in 1923.

The Worcestershire Association started the year well with a peal in five Surprise Major methods, Lincolnshire being added to the customary four. It was rung at Halesowen and conducted by Mr. Sid Holt. It was the quarterly peal for the Northern Branch and the first of Spliced Surprise in five methods by all the band, on the bells and for the association. The methods, Cambridge and Superlative, were rung as far as possible in alternate courses.

There is no limit to the enthusiasm of some ringers. Harry Willett and Alan Andrews cycled over 20 miles through wind and rain from Thorington in Essex to Hintlesham, Suffolk, to take part in a peal of Minor on January 2nd.

It was James Jennings' first peal as conductor, and as he is only 16 years of age and the peal was in four methods, great credit is due to him.

'Peal fever' seems to have attacked more than one ringer in that part of the world. Miss Sylvia Bowyer, to whose rapid progress we referred last week, started the New Year with this peal, and so, too, did Ronald Steward. He only began peal ringing on August 2nd, 1937, and this one was his twentieth.

There are ringers who sometimes complain that they are never asked to stand in peals. They should take a leaf out of Ronald Steward's book. He has arranged all but three of the peals in which he has rung.

On the seventeenth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Shelford Sparrow a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung at Stonham Aspell, Suffolk. The church has an unusual dedication, St. Lambert. Mr. W. C. Rumsey has now rung all the bells in this tower to a peal.

### FROM CONDUCTOR TO COMPOSER.

The 'annual' peal for the Dudley and District Guild at Dudley Parish Church on January 8th was a birthday compliment to the Archdeacon of Dudley (the Ven. A. P. Shepherd) and Mr. Harry Goodman (one of the Dudley Parish Church band). It was the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal for the Guild, and Norman Leach's 50th peal.

Mr. Alfred Davies called a composition by Mr. W. H. Barber (now of Newcastle). Both were born at Clent, Worcestershire, but have not met for a number of years, and we have been asked to convey the best wishes of the conductor to the composer.

Mr. Robert Matthews rang the treble and completed the circle in this tower.

The first peal of Minor at Eardisland, Herefordshire, was rung on New Year's Day. Mr. Jabez Preece, of Staunton-on-Arrow, rang the treble. He took part in an attempt for seven 720's on these bells 15 years ago. The peal was lost after ringing five 720's. That was the last attempt made at Eardisland until January 1st.

On the first anniversary of the peal at Queen Camel (the heaviest ring of six in the country), the same band with one exception decided to meet again and attempt a peal on another heavy six. Permission was very kindly given by the Rev. D. Fitzmaurice for the use of Semley bells, the heaviest six in Wiltshire, and the party were met at the church by the Vicar and the local band, who kindly elected the visitors members of the Salisbury Guild.

A well-struck peal was rung, and afterwards the visitors were kindly entertained to tea with the local band in the Parish Hall. The Vicar's wife was responsible for the arrangements for tea with her helpers. The Vicar extended a welcome to the visiting ringers, and also said how much he appreciated the services of his local band. The Rev. C. Elliot Wigg thanked the Vicar for his warm welcome and kind hospitality.

Mr. Richard Wilson, who rang his first peal of Minor 'inside,' on January 1st at Gamston, Notts, had never before struck a blow in three of the methods—Double and Single Oxford and St. Clement's.

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## BELLS AND BROADCASTING.

### CENTRAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S SUGGESTION.

#### Friendly Relations with the B.B.C.

Some important references to bells and broadcasting were made by the president of the Central Council (Mr. E. H. Lewis) at the annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild. He referred to the publicity which had been given to bells and bellringing through various broadcasts, and alluding to a recent 'incident' which has been the subject of letters in 'The Ringing World,' said: 'I think it may ease the minds of many ringers up and down the country if I tell them there is not the slightest quarrel or feeling of any sort between the B.B.C. and the Ancient Society of College Youths, or ringers generally (hear, hear). The relations are most friendly, and I would like to say this, those ringers who do not live in London should realise that we in London take very little notice of what we see in the evening papers (laughter). But what did appear may have had a certain amount of publicity value, because I think a good many people may have switched over on November 24th to hear the "Bells over London" broadcast who would not have done so, but for certain paragraphs which appeared in the cheap newspapers.

'So friendly are our relations with the B.B.C.,' added Mr. Lewis, 'that I was asked a short time ago to put into writing for them the criticisms of the broadcasts of bellringing which I had given to them verbally—and I had put my criticisms verbally pretty strongly (laughter). When I wrote that letter I told them what I thought about the broadcasts of bells and what I thought of certain ringers who broadcast. I said the fault was not solely with the B.B.C.

'I pointed out that in the past there had been three kinds of broadcast bellringing. There was one sort, where the bells were broadcast before services, and they told me at Broadcasting House, what I had already suspected, that churches were chosen for broadcast services more or less on a local basis. They decided that there should be a broadcast from a certain district. I don't know how they select the church, but, having selected it, they had to take the bells and the ringers as they found them, in the same way that they had to take the organist, the choir and the parson as they found them, and if there was anything wrong with the ringing, or the choir, or the organist, or the parson, presumably it was the fault of those people and not necessarily the fault of the B.B.C.

#### A TRAINED CRITIC SUGGESTED.

'Naturally the B.B.C. wanted constructive criticism,' said Mr. Lewis, 'and I suggested they should try to train one of the staff as a critic of bellringing. I said the Central Council, in particular, would be glad to do what they could to get one of the members of the B.B.C. staff the necessary education. When a man had been so educated, and the B.B.C. were going to broadcast a service from some church, he should go and hear how the local ringers could ring and the bells should not be broadcast unless he passed the ringing as suitable' (hear, hear).

Another form of bell broadcast, continued Mr. Lewis, had been in special 'bells' programmes. A little more than a year ago the B.B.C. ran a series in the Northern Regional called 'The Ringing Isle.' They picked a number of churches and made the bells the main item in the programme. In each case they got the Vicar to give a little talk about the church and bells, and they had specimens of local ringing. Quite a number were very bad.

There again, he pointed out to the B.B.C. that before they chose the church they should have got into touch with some responsible official of the local association or guild and asked his opinion as to the abilities of the ringers. The Central Council would have been pleased to supply them with the names and addresses of the secretaries of the societies.

The other form of bell broadcast was where the bells were brought in incidentally. Mr. Stephen Wood, at the College Youths' dinner, mentioned an incident, not in actual broadcasting, but in connection with the film, 'Fire Over England,' where, in celebration of the victory over the Armada, they heard bells ringing. 'You could pick out twelve bells and you could pick out Stedman Cinques,' said Mr. Lewis. 'Considering Stedman was not invented until a hundred years after the Armada and it was at least fifty years later before a peal of Cinques was rung, you can imagine it was not very appropriate to the occasion.' Another incident was when the B.B.C. wanted bells in a Christmas programme, so they put on a record which they happened to have of St. Paul's bells muffled (laughter).

'I hope,' added Mr. Lewis, 'we shall be able to keep in touch with the B.B.C. and that our recent efforts will bear fruit and that the B.B.C. will take a little advice to prevent some of those rather incongruous incidents happening again' (applause).

The Master of the Guild (Major J. H. B. Hesse), replying to the toast to the Guild, proposed by Mr. Lewis, said he was glad to hear that the B.B.C. were friendly with regard to ringing, because he was sure that it was an education to many ringers to hear really good ringing broadcast. On January 30th the bells of his old home tower, Wrington, were to be broadcast before a service. There was some argument whether the local ringers should do it or whether they should get a visiting team. Personally he felt the local ringers should do it. They rang for the services every Sunday and turned up well for practices. He thought they deserved to ring for the broadcast,

but it would be better to have good rounds and 'queens' than bad change ringing (applause).

Later the Provost of Guildford (the Very Rev. E. G. Southam), replying to another toast, surprised the company by saying that Mr. Lewis might be interested to know that he (the Provost) was a member of the Advisory Committee of the B.B.C. for Religious Services. That committee, he said, acted in an advisory capacity to the Director of Religion, and was ultimately responsible with regard to the choice of churches from which services were broadcast, and had power to give advice with regard to those churches. He was, therefore, tremendously interested to hear what Mr. Lewis said because very few of the committee realised the problem or the difficulties of ringing such as Mr. Lewis had now put before them. He (the Provost) now certainly had a knowledge which he had not got before he came to that dinner, which made him even more grateful that he had been invited to be present that night.

The Provost added that there was to be a broadcast later in the year for the first time from Guildford Cathedral and the bells were to be rung before the service. He was sure the ringers would show the world what a magnificent team they had at Holy Trinity (applause).

### 'BELLS OVER LONDON.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is with regret that I have to return to this subject, but there are some points in Mr. Cave's further letter which require correction. Firstly, it has never been contended that the actual broadcast itself was a private affair, but the question of whether Mr. Roughton participated in it or not, and the reasons which prompted his decision, most emphatically are. After all, no one can deny his right to withdraw, if he did not like the part which he was required to play, and if lack of precaution on the side of the B.B.C. prevented this emergency from arising until such time as it necessitated the alteration of their published programme, that, surely, is not Mr. Roughton's fault? To demand 'official explanations' from him under such circumstances is palpably unreasonable.

Finally, I am not concerned whether Mr. Cave's attacks are spiteful, milk and watery, or merely idiotic. I am not even concerned whether he takes four weeks to prepare them, or gets 'eight days (no option)' for them. The closing sentences of the second paragraph alluded to have reference to spiteful *personal remarks* to which exception is taken on the grounds that they are both extraneous to the argument and rude.

J. A. WAUGH.

Woodford.

#### DOES PUBLICITY BRING NEW MEMBERS?

Dear Sir,—I cannot resist replying to your correspondent, Mr. Cave.

Surely Mr. Cave does not use Christmas as a truce and only bears peace and goodwill for two or three days in the year. It certainly reads like this, and, if it is so, I can very well understand the 'miserable handful' in the Lancashire district, whereas a little brotherliness works wonders.

I admit that righteous indignation is a good thing at times, but it must not be used over the London broadcast. If a Corporation and an individual do or do not have business together, I cannot see how this affects anyone else. As Mr. Roughton did not broadcast, how can he possibly damage the Exercise? Anyway I admire Mr. Roughton's silence and will not continue to aggravate a diplomatic position.

Finally I do not agree with Mr. Cave over publicity. We do not want to be on the right side of any particular secular body. Our work is to broadcast God's message to the people of this land, not our own, and the more intensely and quietly we go about it the better. New members in the art can only be gained by incessant hard work and cheerfulness on the part of Masters, conductors and secretaries. Advertising our service only brings mild sympathy and sometimes amusement, but no new members. Of this I am sure.

Barking, Essex.

A. HAROLD WARBOYS.

#### ONE HUNDRED PEALS FOR NORWICH ASSOCIATION.

Mr. F. Seager recently rang his one hundredth peal for the Norwich Diocesan Association. The century is made up as follows:—

Royal.—Kent Treble Bob 3, Spliced Kent and Oxford 1.

Major.—Oxford Treble Bob 4, Kent Treble Bob 4, Double Norwich 8, Superlative Surprise 9, Cambridge Surprise 5, New Cambridge Surprise 6, Norfolk Surprise 3, Bristol Surprise 4, London Surprise 6.

Minor.—Two methods 1, three methods 2 (conducted 1), seven methods 16, fourteen methods 3, twenty-one methods 1.

Surprise Minor.—Seven methods 22, ten methods (7,200) 1, fourteen methods (in seven 720's, the first ever rung) 1. Total 100.

#### PEAL NOTES.

(Continued from previous page.)

The Bells were ringing in a double sense when the 77th birthday of the Rector of Scottow was celebrated with a peal of Minor. Jean, George and Dennis Bell took part.

Mr. W. H. Hewett, who called Mr. C. H. Kippin's first peal (Stedman Caters) in November, 1921, has now called Mrs. C. H. Kippin's first peal of Stedman Caters, which was rung at Beddington, Surrey, on January 8th. The composition was by an old Beddington stalwart, Edgar Bennett, and is in four quarters, alternately in the titums and handstroke positions.



**HALF-MUFFLED FAREWELL TO 1937.****DATE TOUCH AT HIGHAM.**

At Higham St. Mary, Norfolk, on New Year's Eve, a half-muffled date touch (1,937 changes) of Bob Minor in 1 hour 10 minutes: Mrs. L. Wright (longest length) 1, Miss S. R. E. Bowyer 2, F. Smith 3, R. W. Steward 4, L. Wright 5, U. W. Wildney (conductor) 6. After midnight the bells were 'fired' and a touch rung 'open.'

Pinner Society also met on New Year's Eve to ring the old year out and new one in. Some excellent ringing was carried through. To the regret of all one of the oldest members, Mr. T. Humphreys, who has taken part in ringing on similar occasions for 53 years, was unable to be present owing to illness. The members all expressed the hope that Mr. Humphreys would soon be back with them again to continue the record.

An unsuccessful attempt for a peal at Leatherhead, Surrey, on New Year's Eve was followed a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): \*F. Johnson 1, \*E. Bugden 2, A. H. Winch 3, A. C. Otway 4, W. J. Newbury 5, A. Harman 6, W. J. Whiting 7, J. Hoyle 8, A. H. Smith 9, G. Marriner 10. Conducted by A. H. Winch. \* First quarter-peal on ten bells. Rung to mark the 60th anniversary of the augmentation of the bells to ten. When the old Winchester Diocesan Guild was formed in 1879, Leatherhead was the only ten-bell tower in the diocese. The tower is now in the Guildford Diocese.

At Deeping St. Nicholas, Lincs, on New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: F. Brightman (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Taylor 2, W. Duffy 3, H. Taylor 4, E. Brown (first quarter-peal away from treble) 5, C. E. Black (first as conductor) 6.

At St. Mary's Church, Frensham, Surrey, on New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles with the bells half-muffled: Miss D. I. Aslett 1, G. Ackerman 2, E. J. Heath 3, D. W. Dadson (first quarter-peal) 4, A. J. Chuter (conductor) 5, E. A. Case 6.

**A WELL-KNOWN ESSEX RINGING FAMILY.****THREE GENERATIONS IN TOUCH AT SAFFRON WALDEN.**

Three generations of the Pitstow family took part in ringing for service at Saffron Walden on Sunday evening, December 26th. They were Mr. Ernest Pitstow, of Saffron Walden, his son, Mr. Harold Pitstow, and his grandson, Malcolm Pitstow, the two last named now residing at Banstead, Surrey.

Malcolm (aged 14) rang the treble to touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples and shows great promise. Two other members of the family also rang in these touches, e.g., Messrs. A. E. and L. E. Pitstow. It is hoped that as many as possible of the family will take part in Malcolm's first peal, which we trust will soon be accomplished.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.****A GOOD START FOR THE NEW YEAR.**

An excellent meeting of the Sheffield and District Society was held on New Year's Day at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, the following towers being represented: York, Wath, Felkirk, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Ranmoor (St. John's), Sheffield Cathedral, Handsworth, Rotherham Parish Church, Eckington and the local company. About 45 sat down to tea, after which a course of Grandsire Caters and a touch of Bob Major were rung on handbells.

Ten new ringing members were elected: four from Sherburn and six from Eastwood, including the new Vicar and curate. The Vicar, the Rev. Pat Kennedy, took part in the ringing.

The eight bells at St. Stephen's were kept going successfully in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Little Bob Major, Kent, Oxford, Double Norwich, St. Clement's Major, Duffield, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major, with an abundance of rounds for the beginners. A good standard of striking was maintained and the bells were lowered in peal.

It is hoped that this meeting is the forerunner of many successful meetings, for attendance, striking and methods. Members of the society are asked to make 1938 a really successful year for progress in ringing in the area.

**LADIES' GUILD.****ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.**

A meeting of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. George's, Southwark, on Saturday, January 1st, and was very well attended. Owing to the absence of the Vicar, no service was held.

After tea, to which 40 sat down, at Lyons, a short business meeting was held in the Choir Vestry, some 20 members being present.

Miss L. Wickens, of Broadstairs, was elected a member, and Mrs. Diserens was re-elected a member.

It was announced that Erith (St. John's) had been fixed as the place of the March meeting, which is to be held on the 12th.

As the annual general meeting of the Guild will be held in London this year, it was proposed to make the May meeting the annual meeting of the Central District to avoid clashing, and Christ Church, Epsom, was proposed, the date to be May 7th.

It was decided to hold a meeting on Wednesday, February 2nd, at Kingsbury, if possible.

Mrs. Fletcher announced that she had received a letter from Mr. Sharman, inviting the Guild to Dunstable, and suggestions had been made to make a day's outing to Dunstable, if possible, on a Saturday in June, probably the 18th.

There being no other business, further ringing took place.

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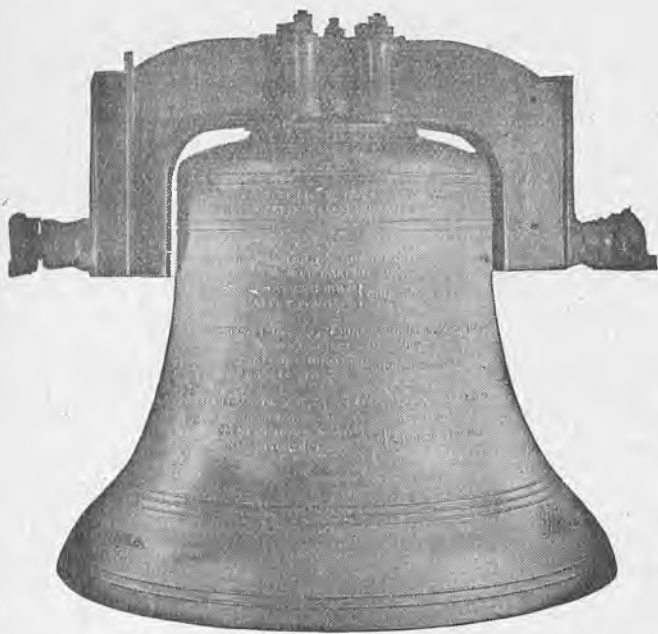
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

All the officers of St. Martin's Guild were re-elected at the annual meeting on Saturday week, and it was announced that the Bishop of Birmingham had promised, if possible, to attend the Henry Johnson dinner on March 5th.

As Bow bells are not available, the meeting of the College Youths next Tuesday will be at headquarters (The Coffee Pot).

We are glad to say that Mr. J. E. Davis, who has been suffering from septic poisoning, is now well on the road to recovery, although still in the doctor's hands. Practices will be resumed on Monday nights at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, from next week, January 17th.

At the special service to be held to-morrow at St. Giles', Camberwell, in connection with the annual meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association, at which the Lord Bishop of Southwark will give the address, special bell hymns will be sung and a course of Stedman Triples rung on handbells in the chancel.

The annual meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex Association, arranged for St. Giles-in-the-Fields on January 29th, has been transferred to St. James', Clerkenwell.

The name of the ringer of the 4th in the peal of London Surprise at Westoughton, Lancs, on December 4th, was Arnold Brunton and not Harold as published.

## IPSWICH SOCIETY'S 1937 RECORD.

**MORE THAN 144,000 CHANGES IN PEALS AND TOUCHES.**

The annual meeting of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, was held on January 4th, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. George A. Fleming; Deputy Master, Miss Sylvia R. E. Bowyer; treasurer, Mr. Charles J. Sedgley; steeplekeeper, Mr. Frederick J. Tillett; auditors, Messrs. Robert H. Brundle and William P. Garrett; secretary, Mr. George E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

The secretary, in his report, stated that the society had rung eight peals on St. Mary-le-Tower bells during 1937, viz.: Cambridge Maximus 4, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1, Stedman Cinques 1, Rochester Royal 1, Cambridge Royal 1, total 41,439 changes. In addition for services and practices there had been rung 32 courses of Cambridge Maximus, 16,896 changes; 20 courses of Superlative Maximus, 10,560 changes; Rochester, Double Norwich and other Maximus methods, 9,624 changes; Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, 10,493 changes; Rochester (12,840) and other Royal methods, 36,380 changes; touches of Caters, 5,273 changes; touches of Major, 12,352 changes; touches of Triples, 1,679 changes; total for the year, 144,696 changes. This is an average of 2,782 changes per week. These figures do not include failures in peals and touches. The total for 1936 was 118,618 changes.

In addition to the above, the society rang a peal of Superlative Surprise Major at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, composed and conducted by Mr. C. J. Sedgley.

Mr. Robert H. Brundle rang in the peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus in his 87th year, and he is believed to be the oldest man to ring a peal of Maximus. There were 39 ringers starred as 'firsts.'

## SAXMUNDHAM REQUIRES HELP.

### SUFFOLK VILLAGE'S APPEAL.

For over 15 years it has not been possible to ring the bells of the church in the small market town of Saxmundham in East Suffolk, but at Easter it is hoped they will peal once more.

There are six bells, three of which are pre-Reformation, and they are in good order, but the frame, which is at least 300 years old and which incorporates part of an older frame, the bell wheels, etc., were so badly decayed through the ravages of the death-watch beetle that a new frame was a necessity. This is being constructed for eight bells with an eye to the future, but before it can be placed in position it is necessary that a concrete beam should be placed inside the tower to ensure its safety. The cost of the work is about £300. This comparatively small sum is, however, a formidable one to Saxmundham, for only recently a debt of £1,760 for repairs to the roof of the church, again due to death-watch beetle, has been paid off after many years of struggle. An appeal is being made to all bell lovers to assist Saxmundham in its undertaking. Sums small or large will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the Bell Master, Mr. F. Watling, South Entrance, Saxmundham, or by the Rector, the Rev. F. W. Moyle.

## A LONDON RINGER IN HOSPITAL.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Many London ringers will regret to know that Mr. A. Riley is a patient in St. Pancras L.C.C. Hospital, King's Road, N.W.1. He is enduring a painful illness with great pluck and patience, and a few words about bellringing do help to keep up his spirits.

He often asks about many of his old ringing chums, and Mr. Riley would be most pleased to see any who could spare a few minutes between the hours of 2 p.m. and 3.45 p.m. on Wednesdays or Sundays. Being in bed week after week, with the same four walls around, does get a little tiring and monotonous, and an occasional 'fresh' old face is like another ray of sunshine.

Mr. Riley was steeplekeeper at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, for many years, and is a member of the College Youths and the London County Association. N.

**LEADING CONDUCTORS—I.****GEORGE WILLIAMS.**

In this series of articles, which we hope to give relating to the Conductors whose names are already well-known in the Exercise, or who are among the coming men, no better beginning can be made than with Mr. George Williams, Vice-President and Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan, who, at 80 years of age, is the oldest ringer to figure regularly among the peal conductors.

Mr. Williams is a Hampshire man, and rang his first peal in 1883 at the little village of Soberton. The object of that peal was to score the first on the bells—which had recently been augmented to eight—and the first peal in the county by the newly-formed Winchester Diocesan Guild. Hampshire and Surrey had to be scoured to find a Grandsire Triples band. Mr. Williams did not ring another peal for a year, and then he called one. Now he has rung 1,450 and conducted over a thousand.

That bare statement, however, does not indicate Mr. Williams' real contribution to the art of ringing. During his ringing lifetime he has taught an almost endless string of young ringers, and spent much time in helping aspirants through peals from Grandsire to the higher flights. Many ringers to-day owe what success they have achieved to Mr. Williams' encouragement.

It was while he was at Brighton in the nineties that he first achieved fame, for he was the main-spring behind the progress made by St. Peter's Society in Surprise method ringing and in advancing in new methods. The band at that time were almost the first to ring anything beyond London, Cambridge and Superlative. They rang the first peal of Bristol Surprise, and some methods which are now no longer practised, but which at that time earned the Brighton band admiration for their performances.

Mr. Williams has never set himself out for records; his peals have come mostly in the 'usual routine,' as he has put it. He has rung peals in more than 300 towers in England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland, and called peals in cathedrals as far apart as Dundee and Truro. He has rung a peal in all but six counties in England, and among the outstanding events which he looks back upon with peculiar pleasure are the first peal on the bells at Exeter Cathedral; the first peal of London Surprise in the City of London, and the peal, not long since, in the City, by the band all of whom had rung upwards of a thousand peals.

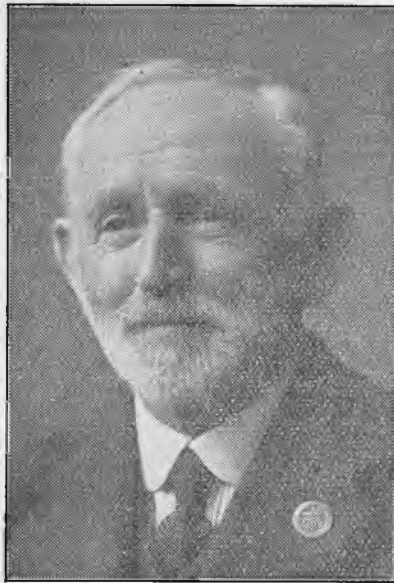
When living in Brighton Mr. Williams was for years hon. secretary of the Central District, and when he left the county was elected an honorary life member in recognition of his services.

After returning to Hampshire he filled the office of hon. secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, of which he was afterwards made vice-president and Master. He has been a member of the Central Council from its formation.

At North Stoneham, with which tower he became associated when living at West End, near Southampton, he built up a new band and quickly got the bells augmented to eight. To celebrate their golden wedding, Mr. and Mrs. Williams gave two new bells, making the lightest ring of ten in any church in the country; and in memory of his wife Mr. Williams has since presented to the church a handsome oak belfry screen. In this tower Mr. Williams has rung over two hundred peals. With mental and physical powers still equal to many men twenty years his junior, Mr. Williams will, we hope, long continue to enjoy the art of which he is so brilliant an exponent, and to remain our oldest conductor.

**A HALF PEAL.**

An attempt for a peal of Bob Minor at Old Radnor, Radnorshire, on Saturday, January 8th, had to be curtailed to half a peal owing to the bad 'go' of the bells, especially the tenor, which is 16 cwt. The ringers were Brian Elsmore 1, Trevor Jones 2, Leslie Evans 3, Harry T. Chandler 4, William Duggan 5, Ernest F. Salmons (conductor) 6. The bells were cast by Rudhall in 1724 and are of excellent tone.



MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****EASTERN DISTRICT AT HOWDEN.**

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Howden on Saturday, January 8th, and was attended by over 40 ringers from Beverley Minster, Far Headingley, Goole, Hemmingbrough, Hessele, Howden, Hull, Kirk Ella, Market Weighton, Pontefract, Selby Abbey, Sherburn-in-Elmet and York Minster, with visiting ringers from Barton-on-Umber, Barrow and Ulceby, Lincolnshire. Several lady ringers were present. The company attended choral evensong in the fine old church, at which the Vicar, the Rev. A. Waring, preached.

An excellent tea was provided in the Manor House Cafe. This building was formerly a palace of the Bishops of Durham, Howden, at one period, being in Durham Diocese before being transferred to the Diocese of York.

The president of the association (the Rev. Canon C. C. Marshall) presided at the business meeting, when an invitation to hold the annual district meeting at Sherburn-in-Elmet was unanimously accepted.

Three new members were elected: Messrs. Leslie Woodhead, of Goole, Henry Easton, of Market Weighton, and Charles Pallframan, of Sherburn-in-Elmet.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar was moved by Mr. F. Cryer and seconded by Mr. D. Meadley, and after the chairman had expressed his appreciation of the Vicar's kindness in taking the service and attending the meeting and tea, the Rev. A. Waring replied and welcomed the association to Howden.

A vote of thanks to the organist, choir and local company was passed on the motion of Mr. W. Pearson and seconded by Miss Bowling and responded to by Mr. Thompson and the organist.

Further ringing on tower and handbells concluded a very happy meeting. The methods rung included Double Norwich, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Plain and Treble Bob Minor.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****A RECTOR'S APPEAL TO RINGERS.**

A meeting of the North Staffordshire Association was held on Saturday, January 8th, at Norton-le-Moors. Forty-five members were present from Burslem, Biddulph, Brown Edge, Draycott, Cheadle, Kingsley, Leek, Longton, Norton, Newcastle, Stoke-on-Trent and Tunstall.

A welcome to Norton was extended to the association by the Rector (the Rev. J. G. Hamlet), who appealed to those who had not become communicants to do so, as he felt that this would crown the good work being done by ringers, and would help to bring about a greater bond of fellowship.

Mr. J. E. Wheeldon also referred to ringers' attendance at church, saying their attendances were not as good as they ought to be.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. T. Hurd to the Rector and ringers for the use of the bells and the way they had been looked after.—It was seconded by Mr. G. E. Plant, who also commented on the cleanliness of the belfry. It is a well-known fact in North Staffordshire that Norton sets the example in this respect to the rest of the towers.

A vote of thanks to the ladies for serving tea was proposed by Mr. H. Carnwell and suitably responded to by Mrs. J. G. Hamlet. Mr. J. W. Walker, of Norton, addressed a few words to the meeting. He said he thought he was the only one living who was present at the inaugural meeting of the association on Saturday, December 16th, 1882.

A letter was read from the Earl of Harrowby, who thanked the ringers for ringing a peal in commemoration of his wedding day. He and the Countess very much appreciated the compliment and the kind wishes of the association.

**DEDICATION OF A PEAL BOARD.**

On Sunday, January 2nd, during evening service at All Saints' Church, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, a peal board, recording a peal of Bob Major, rung with the bells half-muffled to the respected memory of Sir Francis A. Newdigate-Newdegate, G.C.M.G., of Arbury, Nuneaton, patron of the living, was dedicated by the Vicar, the Rev. F. W. Moyle, M.A., in the presence of a large congregation, which included Lady Newdigate-Newdegate and her two daughters, Mrs. L. FitzRoy Newdegate, and Mrs. S. Baillie.

The peal board, of oak, was designed and executed by Mr. Ernest Stone, the inscription being carved by hand, and evoked many congratulations upon a fine piece of workmanship.

The ringing prior to service included a course of Bob Major by the peal band standing in the same order.

**RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.**

On Sunday, January 2nd, at Christ Church, Swindon, Wilts, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,257 changes) was rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bishop on the occasion of their silver wedding: A. Lawrence 1, C. J. Gardiner 2, W. W. T. Daniell 3, G. W. Townsend 4, H. W. Bishop 5, R. G. Townsend 6, A. G. Wells 7, H. W. L. Wells 8, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 9, A. E. W. Smith 10.

## GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### ANNUAL DINNER.

#### President of Central Council Discusses Important Topics.

The annual dinner of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on Saturday, was again a very enjoyable event. Major J. H. B. Hesse, Master of the Guild, presided over a company numbering about 90, which included the Provost (the Very Rev. Canon E. G. Southam), Mr. W. Harrison (vice-president), Canon E. M. Girling (Farnham), Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council and Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer) and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary of the Guild), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association) and members from Guildford (Cathedral and S. Nicolas'), Aldershot, Pirbright, Worplesdon, Godalming, Haslemere, Witley, Leatherhead, Cobham, Farnham, Seale, Bagshot, West Clandon, etc. Apologies for absence were received from the Bishop of Guildford, Bishop C. H. Golding-Bird, who was indisposed, the Ven. E. J. Newell, Mr. C. F. Johnston, Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. A. J. Corrigan.

The toast of 'The President, Vice-President and Honorary Members' was proposed by Mr. J. Corbett, who thanked them for their support. A bigger list of honorary members would, he said, enable the Guild to give more to bell restorations. To-day, more than ever, their ringing could be a message in lots of ways. On Sundays many people left home by motor-cars and as they went along often one in the car said, 'Hark! Church bells.' The sound of the bells awakened that latent feeling and let them know what the day was and what the bells were for.

Canon E. M. Girling (who was formerly Vicar of Leiston, Suffolk) said he was not quite sure that he could be called an honorary member. Not very long ago they had a gift day at Farnham and he chimed a bell seven times after every gift. In the course of the day he received £200, so he worked pretty hard for an honorary member (laughter). His recollections of bellringing went back to the days when he was a very small boy in Suffolk and used to watch with great interest the gymnastics of their verger when he used to chime three bells at once—one with each hand and one with his foot. Later he had a lesson in real ringing. The verger said to him, 'Y'll take hold of that daffy and pull, and then let go else it will knock your brains out against the roof' (laughter).

He was pleased to be an honorary member, because, among other things, bellringing was essentially English. On the Continent they heard bells jangling, but they did not hear those ordered sequences. Bellringers now realised that their work was part of the religious work of a parish. There was a time when the ringers used to ring and depart to that institution which was usually found close to a church. He thought those bad old days were gone, and it was splendid to see ringers after they had rung their bells at 5.30 a.m. on Christmas morning coming to their Communion service.

#### POINTS IN GOOD STRIKING.

Mr. E. H. Lewis, proposing the toast of 'The Guildford Diocesan Guild,' dealt with some of the subjects which have lately been very much before ringers through 'The Ringing World.' Somebody, he said, had recently asked for a definition of perfect striking. He would give as a definition, 'Such striking that the most experienced ringer could not detect the slightest deviation from the rhythm in the blows of a single bell from start to finish.' Some people thought that was impossible, but he believed they were to hear that evening a 'record' which showed that it was possible—possible at any rate on handbells, and, he believed, possible in the tower. Earlier that evening, going down to S. Nicolas' tower where they were ringing only eight at the time, he heard ringing that was just about as perfect as striking could be. When he saw who was at the end of the ropes he was not surprised.

Good striking, continued Mr. Lewis, was a very important matter, because the public, generally speaking, did not appreciate the finer points of change ringing, but did appreciate good striking—or, at least, did not appreciate bad striking. There would be fewer complaints and fewer letters to the Anti-Noise Society if the striking was uniformly good.

Mr. Lewis went on to mention two points in regard to striking to which it was necessary to give attention in instructing beginners. He had noticed, he said, that the first blow in seconds after leading was often too wide. He could not understand the reason for it, but he had noticed it was a common failing. Another fault was often that a bell dodging up behind did not cut down sufficiently. He thought there was a reason for that. Quite a number of young ringers did not realise that when they were dodging they had to cut down closer after the bell they were following than they did over the same bell when they were hunting. He could not explain why it was so, unless it was that the clapper had an additional 'lag' when the bell was held up.

Referring to the publicity which bells and bellringing had recently gained, Mr. Lewis said he thought they ought to make the greatest use of it that they could. This publicity started to a large extent when Miss Dorothy Sayers published the book called 'The Nine Tailors.' From that time the public seemed to have taken much more interest in bells. He heard of a case of a gentleman who lived on the same staircase as the late Mr. Boughey at Trinity College who knew nothing of the Cambridge University Guild—that seemed rather

impossible, seeing that the Guild rang handbells in Mr. Boughey's rooms three or four times a week. Then this gentleman read 'The Nine Tailors' and was now a keen ringer. He was a master at Repton School.

Press publicity, proceeded Mr. Lewis, had been helped by the various notices of the College Youths' tercentenary. They had had a very good press indeed, and the one man more than another responsible for that was Mr. Roughton, who had been very unjustly attacked by certain correspondents in 'The Ringing World' recently.

They had also had good publicity from broadcasting, and Mr. Lewis assured his hearers that the relations with the B.B.C. were most friendly. He had been asked for and had submitted his criticisms and suggestions in writing and he hoped something might come of it.

Mr. Lewis' remarks on this subject are reported under a separate heading.

#### MORE CLERGY WANTED.

Twenty or thirty years ago, continued Mr. Lewis, they had amongst their most prominent ringers a number of clergy. They seemed to have lost a great many of them, and they were not being replaced. He had mentioned this subject at the College Youths' dinner, but as there were two or three clergy present that night he would like to say again that the Exercise very badly wanted more of the younger clergy to take up the art of change ringing; to take it up not casually, but in earnest, so that they could become leaders in the theory of composition, in good striking and in the whole art of ringing (applause).

It was easier, said Mr. Lewis, to teach a man before he was ordained, because in the process of learning he often had to be told pretty straight, his mistakes pointed out very quickly, and, he was afraid, the criticism in the belfry was apt to be rather like that they sometimes heard on the towpath (laughter). It was much harder to make the necessary criticism, particularly if it was being made by a ringer in a humble position, if the recipient of the criticism had already attained to the dignity of wearing what was sometimes called a 'dog collar' (laughter). It was, however, better for the young clergy to learn to ring after they were ordained than not to ring at all (applause).

At Kelham, near Nottingham, was an establishment where young men went to live a kind of monastic life for about seven years before being ordained. A year or two ago a young man went there who had been ringing under the tutelage of Mr. Stephen Wood, at St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow. He was keen that he should not lose his ringing, but at Kelham he found it difficult to get hold of any handbells for practice, as they could not afford to buy them. Luckily through the son of the Bishop of Southwell they had been able to borrow the handbells from Southwell Cathedral and had made such very real progress that they had rung a quarter-peal of Bob Major double-handed (applause). That, said Mr. Lewis, was a very hopeful sign. He wished there were similar hands at all the theological colleges.

In conclusion, Mr. Lewis congratulated the Guildford Guild upon having two of the best officers they could possibly have on the practical side of ringing, in their Master and secretary. He wished the Guild the greatest success in the future and hoped it would go on from strength to strength, until it had got one hundred per cent. of the towers in the diocese in union and until it had got at least as many members as there were bells in the towers (applause).

#### COMING CHANGE IN SECRETARYSHIP.

The Master, in reply, said they had had a fairly successful year. They had rung 31 peals, of which nine were in connection with the Coronation. Of those peals Mr. A. H. Pulling had conducted 15. He congratulated the Aldershot band on their local peal and Mr. T. Denyer on calling his first peal. He also congratulated Holy Trinity band on a local peal. The Benevolent Fund had now a little over £30 and the Cathedral Bell Fund £6. They must do their best to make those funds grow.

As they knew, Mr. Goldsmith was giving up the secretaryship. He could not say too much for the work and time he had put in on behalf of the Guild. District meetings had not been attended as well as they might. They meant a lot to young ringers and he was afraid that shyness in many instances kept them away.

Submitting the toast of 'The Visitors,' Mr. Walter Harrison gave a cordial welcome to Canon Coleridge, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association) and the Provost. The late Provost took a very keen interest in the Guild and he assured Canon Southam that that would be the last time that he would be classified as a visitor at any of their gatherings. The Provost had an enviable reputation of being a man who could get things done. They hoped to get him on the Executive Committee, where his knowledge and ability would be of the greatest possible value to the Guild.

The Provost, in reply, said it was a great privilege to be admitted to the friendship of the ringers of the diocese. He was certain that they often took for granted the services of that body of men who worked in their church towers. He would like as Provost, on behalf of the clergy of the diocese, to say how much they appreciated the ringers' services. His first act after his induction was to meet his ringers, and ever since he had found in Holy Trinity ringers a band of jolly good fellows always tumbling over themselves to help him in his work.

While he knew less about bells than anybody in the room, he loved the music of bells, which made him see visions. It very often brought a choke into his throat when bells were rung for certain services. He

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**'CANNED' BELLS AT WEYMOUTH.****VICAR'S VIEWS ON PROJECT.**

'Canned' bells have been introduced at St. John's Church, Weymouth. Gramophone records, with amplifiers, were used during Christmas and the New Year, instead of the single bell which has hitherto called people to worship.

According to the 'Southern Times,' opinion among the parishioners on this innovation is divided, and the Church Council is finally to decide whether a permanent installation will be put in.

Ringers in Dorset are, of course, strongly opposed to the use of gramophone records for this purpose, because, as Mr. C. H. Jennings, hon. secretary of the Dorchester Branch, put it in an interview, 'artificial devices are a temptation to church builders to be content with something cheap and put permanently out of consideration any idea of completing their work with a noble peal of bells with which former church builders crowned their churches.'

Interviewed by the 'Southern Times' representative, the Vicar of St. John's (the Rev. F. E. Coryton) admitted that a certain amount of opposition to the proposal was not altogether unexpected.

'There were some who opposed the motor-car, the aeroplane, even the radio,' he declared, 'but it is our duty to move with the times.' He agreed that artificial bells could never be made to sound like the real thing, but denied any tendency towards doing away with bells altogether in churches.

'A peal of bells for St. John's,' he added, 'is out of the question without rebuilding the whole church,' and he saw no reason why the people of Weymouth should be denied their joyous message simply because a few objected. 'So far our own people have nothing but praise for the bells.'

The subject of the use of gramophone installations in place of bells in churches is to be discussed at the annual meeting of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild at Dorchester on January 22nd.

**THE LATE MR. W. H. HOLLIER.****FUNERAL AT CHISWICK.**

The funeral of the late William H. Hollier (hon. treasurer of the Middlesex County Association) took place on Tuesday, January 4th, at the New Cemetery, Chiswick. In addition to the family mourners there was present a large number both of ringers and members of the Masonic lodge, of which Mr. Hollier was a prominent member.

The president of the Middlesex Association was represented by Mr. J. Herbert, the St. Mary Abbot's Guild by Mr. W. E. Judd, and the St. Mary's, Twickenham, by Mr. J. Lovell. Past and present officers of the Middlesex Association included Messrs. C. T. Coles and F. W. Goodfellow (joint hon. secretaries), J. A. Trollope (vice-president), C. Bird, H. C. Chandler, W. H. Oram and W. Lidbetter. Mr. J. E. Davis and Mr. W. H. Stevens were also present.

Wreaths were sent by the Central Council, the Middlesex Association, the St. Mary Abbot's Guild, Kensington, and the Twickenham band. A course of Grand sire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave.

**MR. HOLLIER'S EARLY RINGING.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—With reference to the report given in your last issue of the death of my old friend, Mr. W. H. Hollier, I should like to point out that his ringing commenced a little earlier than the year mentioned. He was a native of Devizes, Wilts, where he learnt to ring Grand sire. He came to reside at Gillingham, Kent, and was employed on the building of the Royal Naval Barracks, Chatham. He joined the Gillingham band and, during his stay, rang three peals of Treble Bob Major, the first on December 22nd, 1898, the others on November 18th, 1899, and December 7th, 1899. He was held in great respect by the ringers there, and he married a Gillingham lady. It is with deep regret that I read of his death. W. HAIGH.  
Etchingham, Sussex.

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knew that there were some people who denied that there was any music in bells. They were people who were over-sensitive; people who objected to the ringing of bells at regular intervals. There were also those who lay in bed on Sunday mornings and their conscience made them say that they objected to the bells, but he was certain that those people were the exception.

During the evening songs were sung by Mr. H. Platt and selections were given by the Cobham handbell ringers. A course of Grand sire Caters was rung on handbells, and the company heard with appreciation the gramophone record of the Spliced Surprise ringing by Mr. Cashmore's band.

The artistes and ringers were thanked by Mr. Goldsmith.

**HANDBELLS WANTED.**

TWO OR THREE OCTAVES; good condition.—Write, price, etc., H. Harding, 171, Abercorn Crescent, Harrow, Middlesex.

**A NORTHAMPTON APPEAL.****RINGERS' HELP NEEDED FOR NEW RING OF BELLS.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—I see in 'The Ringing World' of December 31st, in response to the appeal of the Vicar of St. George-in-the-East, that one branch of the London County Association not only made a grant from their own funds, but had a personal 'whip round' at one of their meetings, resulting in a collection of 30s. For some considerable time I have advocated this form of help on a wide scale whenever one of these appeals has been brought to light.

It does seem to me that as we are all fighting for one cause, and enjoy the hospitality of ringing in each other's belfries (irrespective of whether they be in our own diocese or county), something more than just a local association's grant might go towards helping some of these worthy cases.

I am making a nation-wide appeal for help in an endeavour to raise sufficient funds to add five new bells at the Church of St. Andrew, Northampton, where at present there is only one bell—inscribed 'Cast by Taylor, of Oxford, 1842,' and weighing 4½ cwt.

For several weeks past it has been my job to write a letter to various secretaries, who have a meeting advertised, asking them to appeal for a 'penny whip round' at the tea table towards our fund.

So far this has met with a fair response, and for the help thus given I would like to tender my thanks.

It has often been stated that in the ringing Exercise we have in the region of 46,000 ringers. If only 20,000 of these each gave a penny, the sum of £83 6s. 8d. would be raised—and who is there among us who would miss a penny, or, shall I say, even a halfpenny? And what a slice of real, concrete help that would be towards a cause which we all have at heart!

In regard to my own particular appeal, I would like to point out that we ringers often talk about the one-bell nuisance, but are we all pulling our weight to inspire the Church authorities to remove this nuisance? Considerably more propaganda work could be done than has been shown in the past by many of us, which would bring its reward in other directions—such as new recruits.

In March, 1937, I gave a lantern lecture to the parishioners of St. Andrew's. This, together with an article I wrote for their parish magazine, has been the means of inspiring the Church Council to launch the above scheme, and inviting me to become 'one of their family.' Until that time I was a complete stranger at St. Andrew's. This shows what can be done by a little 'advertising,' and when it is realised that St. Andrew's is the poorest but one of the twelve parishes in this town, few people will refuse to admit that not only has great courage been shown by the Council, but that a case for real help has been made out.

In addition to subscriptions, I should be pleased to hear from anyone who has an unwanted set of handbells they would care to give the church for entertainments and for instruction in change ringing to those in the parish who are already showing interest. Unwanted books for the same purpose would also be gladly welcomed and acknowledged by our Vicar.

P. AMOS, Fund Secretary and Organiser.

47, West Street, Northampton.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.****A PAST MASTERS' PEAL.**

As recorded in our peal columns, eight Past Masters of the Ancient Society of College Youths met at Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, and rang a peal of Stedman Triples on New Year's Day. Two previous attempts having failed, the reward at stake on the third attempt was too good to lose.

The ringers afterwards wended their way up the 'Sunny Lane' to the residence of the local P.M., which has been affectionately dubbed by some of the C.Y.'s as 'The Glue Pot,' there to partake of the kind hospitality offered by Mrs. P.M., who did not even forget the special Christmas pudding.

A pleasant evening was afterwards spent, during which the reward for ringing the peal was produced and placed under the care of Percy, who, needless to say, made a good waiter, and even a better one when a further reward was found in Bert's case, which some thought contained his sleeping suit, but which proved to be a good sleeping draught.

P.M. Mitchell proposed a toast to the Ancient Society, the Master and Past Masters, not forgetting their dear old friend, Mr. Cockerill. He congratulated Mr. Young on the excellent way he rang the tenor after so many years' absence from peal ringing.

P.M. Young said as the 'father of the flock' he would like to thank, on behalf of the 'boys,' P.M. and Mrs. Mitchell for their very kind hospitality, and expressed his great pleasure in ringing such an excellent peal.

Mrs. Mitchell said she was always pleased to see ringers and realised what they needed after ringing a peal.

To allow for last trains to be caught, 'Stand' was called at 10 o'clock, and it was a happy band that departed homewards with the knowledge that 'something attempted, something done' is a good maxim, and the 'waiter,' in dancing the unaccompanied velteta in the waiting room, expressed a regret that he left a 'wee drappie' behind, but rejoiced in taking the Peal back with him.

## MORE FACTS ABOUT FABIAN STEDMAN

### MR. J. A. TROLLOPE'S NEW DISCOVERIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—You will be interested to know that I have found out a few more facts about Fabian Stedman.

I find, from the Treasury books, that in 1689, eight or nine years after he was elected Master of the Society of College Youths, Fabian Stedman was one of the two clerks of John Birch, Esquire, Auditor General of Excise. How long he had held that position I cannot say, for the appointment was made by Birch and not by the Treasury; but evidently his position was well established.

The Lords of the Treasury had directed the collectors of Excise to pay to the supervisors and gangers the poll tax of one shilling in the pound assessed upon them. A little later they granted the same privilege to the inferior officers of the Excise within the City of London and the bill of mortality, and later on still to the two clerks, George Birch and Fabian Stedman, mentioning them by name.

Next year the office of Auditor General was vacant by the death of John Birch, and as his quarter's salary was saved to the Crown, and George Birch (or Bruere, as he is also styled) and Fabian Stedman had carried on and made up the accounts, both for that and the preceding quarters, a Treasury warrant was issued to the Excise Commissioners to pay Bruere £19 5s. and £15 to Stedman, which would have been payable to them by the Auditor of Excise.

In 1700, George Bruere, the elder, and Fabian Stedman petitioned the Treasury, pointing out that by the patent of July 3rd, 1691, there is granted to the auditor £200 per annum to pay three clerks (of whom the petitioners are two) for doing business of Excise upon beer, ale, etc., but the same business is now very much increased by several other duties (which the petitioners specify), and also by the increase of the country collectors from 36 to 55. They therefore pray for an increase of salary.

The Commissioners of Excise reported to the Lords of the Treasury that as Sir Basil Dixwell, the auditor, had £500 per annum as salary, and £200 for clerks, he ought to make them a suitable allowance. Therefore, on the instructions of the Treasury, William Lownds wrote to Dixwell on April 26th, 1700: "Two of your clerks, viz., George Bruere, sen., and Fabian Stedman, have petitioned for addition of salary in view of increased business in your office. It appears that 60£ per an. is allowed you on the salary bills as an additional salary for the Duties and (sic) Malt and Leather. You are to pay same to them."

We have now a fair number of contemporary references to Stedman dating from 1662 when, as a young man, he joined the Cheapside Scholars, until his death in 1714. It is noteworthy that nearly all of them refer to events in London, but we know that in 1668 he was

living in Cambridge. My impression is that after having been apprenticed in London he went back to Cambridge in 1665 on account of the Great Plague, when nearly everybody who could left the Metropolis, and he returned there in 1677 and stayed there for the rest of his life.

What I should like to find out is the year in which he was born, and whether there is any contemporary evidence that he was one time parish clerk of St. Bene't's, Cambridge. I am rather inclined to doubt it, though it is so stated by C. H. Cooper in "Memorials of Cambridge," a recognised authority.

I have also discovered that Robert Roan, the composer of Grandsire Doubles, though he lost his job as sworn clerk of the pantry under the Board of the Green Cloth, appears to have been retained in Government employ, and in 1667 a Treasury warrant was issued to pay him £100. His son, Thomas Roan, Master of the College Youths in 1689, was in 1673, appointed by letters patent Comptroller of the Customs of the port of Chichester, but he surrendered the post during the next year.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

## WATFORD SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Allow me also to congratulate Mr. H. G. Cashmore on his peal in the above method.

Until my attention was drawn to the fact by Mr. A. G. Driver last week, I had not realised that 'Watford' was the same method as Method C, of which I pointed out a year or two ago in 'The Ringing World' that peals could not be obtained from the 24 true plain courses.

For over a quarter of a century I have had two sets of 24 true plain courses in connection with 'Watford' false course-ends; i.e., the set used by Mr. Cashmore and the following:—

23456	42635	34625	23645
52436	62534	64523	63542
42356	36524	26543	46532
54326	63254	62453	64352
34256	56234	56423	56342
53246	35264	25463	45362

I have also several interesting methods where the same set of false course-ends are encountered, and now that Mr. Cashmore has shown us that parts of false course-ends can be used in connection with the 24 true courses, there is a hope that I may yet be successful in obtaining peals for methods two of which, being eighth's place methods, have no adjoining places, and all places made the right way, a very rare feature, as everyone knows, in Treble Bob or Surprise methods.

GEORGE BAKER.

## WATFORD SURPRISE AND COMPANION METHODS.

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank Mr. J. A. Trollope for his comments on my peal of Watford Surprise and for his lucid explanation of the plan on which it was produced.

The proof of Eastbury is, of course, identical with Watford, and here is another to which the composition is true.

The first twelve rows are as Eastbury, and then:—

87246153  
78264513  
72846531  
27485613  
24758631

42785361

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**NOTICES.**

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 15th, at St. George's, Doncaster. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Committee meeting 3.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in the Memorial Hall, followed by the business meeting.—Ernest Cooper, Hon. Sec., 1, Grosvenor Crescent, Arksey, Doncaster.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Third quarterly (general) meeting at Repton, Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) available all afternoon. Committee meet 3.45 p.m. Tea and general meeting 4.45 p.m. in Court Room.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Leyton on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Subscriptions for 1938 are now due.—E. J. Butler Dis. Sec., 313, Mawney's Road, Romford, Essex.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, January 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea will be kindly provided by the churchwardens at 5.30. Business meeting at 6. Subscriptions due. Reports now ready. Come and enjoy a pleasant afternoon. Non-members welcome.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held on Saturday, January 15th, at St. Giles', Camberwell. Bells (10) available at 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., address by the Lord Bishop of Southwark (Dr. Parsons). Tea at 5 p.m. in St. Giles' Parish Hall, followed by business meeting. Further ringing until 8 p.m. Social, handbells, etc., at 8.15 p.m.—A. P. Cannon, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Saturday, January 15th. Service in All Saints' Church 4 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Hon. P. J. Hepburn Scott, M.A., Rector of St. Paul's, Wokingham. Tea in *St. Paul's Parish Room* 4.45.—W. J. Paice, Hon. Sec., Merrel, California, Wokingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting to be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, January 15th. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. A hearty invitation to all.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church, January 15th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Reports to hand. Come and make this a successful meeting.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Kettering on Saturday, January 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in the Parish Hall, free to branch members who have paid their subscriptions. Visitors and friends, rs. 3d. *Admission by ticket only.* Tea can only be guaranteed to those applying for tickets previously.—H. Baxter, 256, Windmill Avenue, Kettering.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Manchester, on Saturday, January 15th. Tower open for ringing at 5.30 o'clock. Meeting in the belfry at 7.30. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec., 35, The Crescent, Worsley.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Bolney on Saturday, January 15th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, and meeting to follow. Half-rail fares to members. All welcome.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Committee meet 4 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow.—Malcolm Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Highfield House, Exhall, Coventry. Telephone: Bedworth 136.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral, Portsmouth, on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service in Cathedral 4.30 p.m. Tea in Green Pen Rooms 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. T. Greenwood, Hon. Sec., 6, Sheffield Road, Portsmouth.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting at Sittingbourne on Saturday, January 15th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea (rs. per head) at Cremer's, followed by business meeting. Subscriptions for 1938 now due, please! —G. H. Spice, Hon. Sec., 35, Woodstock Road, Sittingbourne.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Shafton, near Barnsley.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sidmouth, on Saturday, January 15th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, at the Winter Gardens. Meeting 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Norfolk Branch.—The annual general meeting of this branch will be held at Diss on Saturday, January 15th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m., also Palgrave (8), one mile distant, same time. Service in Diss Parish Church 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Waveney Hotel, rs., at 5 p.m. Meeting follows. Subscriptions are now due for 1938.—A. G. Harrison, Hon. Sec., 90, Denmark Street, Diss.

**BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.**—Seventeenth annual dinner, Saturday, January 15th. Ringing: The Leaning Tower, Temple (8 bells), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Mary Redcliffe (12 bells), 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Philip's (8 bells), 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.; St. Stephen's (10 bells), 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Cup of tea and bun at St. Thomas' Schoolroom, 3.45 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. (not later). University of Bristol Buildings open to dinner ticket holders at 3.15 p.m. Grand Hotel, 6 p.m. (please), for dinner. Lord Bishop of Bristol will be guest of the evening.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec.

**PINNER, MIDDLESEX.**—Will all ringing friends please note that ringing on the 2nd and 4th Sunday in each month will in future be at 10.45 a.m.? Visitors would be welcomed.—A. J. Harding, Daisybank, 54, Welldon Crescent, Harrow.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Practices: St. Clement Danes, Strand, Jan. 17th and 31st, at 7.30 p.m., and St. Mary's, Lambeth, Feb. 1st, 8 p.m. Annual general meeting on Feb. 12th, particulars later. Entrants for handbell competition must notify me before that date.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.

**ST. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE.**—Ringing practice will be resumed on Monday, January 17th.—J. E. Davis.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for January, 1938: Handbell ringing and meeting at headquarters, 18th, at 8 p.m.; St. Magnus', 20th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 27th, at 8 p.m.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held in Brighton on Wednesday, January 19th. St. Peter's bells, 3 to 5 p.m. Tea at the Dyke Road Hotel, price 1s., 5.30. Service at the Good Shepherd 6.30. Bells, 7 till 9. Names for tea by previous Saturday, please. Half rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) allowed to members.—S. E. Armstrong, Hon. Div. Sec., 70, Hollingbury Park Avenue, Brighton, 6.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Church Kirk on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Reports to hand. Subscriptions due. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil Street, Blackburn.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The sixth annual supper and social will be held at the Village Hall, Heston, on Saturday, January 22nd, at 6 p.m. All ringers and friends welcomed. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, may be obtained from association officers and tower secretaries until January 16th. Heston bells available from 4.30 p.m. Ticket sellers are reminded to send their returns, etc., to me this week-end. Note: The district A.G.M. will be at Heston on February 12th.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Coseley, on January 22nd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.45, with an address by the Rev. N. Watson, Vicar. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, the 18th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The next quarterly meeting of the Ashton-under Lyne Society will be held at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Jan. 22nd. The bells will be available from 5 p.m. till 9 p.m.—Carus Wilson, Sec.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Blaenavon on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (6) available. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting follows.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., Cartref, Alteryon View, Newport, Mon.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Irchester on Saturday, January 22nd. Nice peal of eight. Service 4.30. Renew your enthusiasm and send names for tea by Tuesday previous to A. Bigley, Hon. Branch Sec., 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Andrew's Church, Derby, on January 22nd, for the election of officers for the ensuing year and other business. The bells (10) will be available for ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting in belfry at 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—George Freebrey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 81, Roe Street, Derby.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Horley on January 22nd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting in the Six Bells. Will all members make a special effort to attend this meeting? Numbers for tea to Mr. A. Bull, Jesmond, Queen's Road, Horley, Surrey, not later than Thursday previous to meeting.—W. Claydon, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Sat., Jan. 22nd. Bells (8) from 4 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Charminster, Fordington and Upwey bells (6) available at three. Kindly notify early for tea.—C. H. Jennings, Hon. Sec., 3, Sunnyside Road, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 22nd, at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Ringing at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, from 2.45 to 3.45, and St. Martin's from 4 to 5.30 p.m. Tea in the canteen at 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting in the Vestry Hall. Kindly let me have names for tea by Tuesday, the 18th, certain.—N. Summerhayes, Acting Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—A ringing meeting will be held at South Wingfield, on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock to those who notify me by Wednesday, January 19th.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Willoughby (6 bells), on Saturday, January 22nd. Usual arrangements.—W. C. Moore, Braunston Road, Daventry, Northants.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely Branch.—A meeting will be held at Trumpington on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. It is hoped a service will be conducted by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Kempthorne, D.D. (formerly of Lichfield). Tea at the Green Man Inn at 5 p.m. Will all please make an effort to attend?—C. W. Cook, Dis. Sec., Newton, Cambridge.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch, Newport Pagnell Deanery. A meeting at Olney on Saturday, January 22nd.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bedford, on Saturday, January 22nd. St. Peter's bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 5. Meeting to follow. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burton-in-Lonsdale on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (6) ready at 2 p.m. Tea, 1s., at the Joiners' Arms Hotel at 4.30 p.m. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend.—E. Swain, 23, Thornton Road, Morecambe.



**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The branch annual committee meeting will be held at Chalfont St. Peter on Saturday, January 22nd, at 3.30 p.m. One member from each tower should attend. Bells (6) available at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL GUILD** (Chippenham Branch) will hold their monthly meeting at Grittleton on Sat., Jan. 22nd, at 3 p.m., not 15th as previously announced. Visitors welcome. Please notify early.—F. W. Merrett, Branch Hon. Sec., 38, Downing Street, Chippenham, Wilts.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Chesterfield District will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify J. P. Tarlton, Hon. Dis. Sec., Greenfield Villas, Main Road, Stonebroom, Alfreton. Will all please notice change of address?

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cary Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Milton Clevedon bells also available.—W. A. Osborn, Galhampton, Yeovil.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Thrapston on Saturday, January 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business (election of officers) to follow.—W. J. Whitmore, 80c, High Street, Raunds.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Farnham District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Choral service 4.30 p.m. Tea (1s.) at Messrs. Darracott's Restaurant, West Street, 5.15, followed by business meeting.—C. W. Denyer, Hon. Sec., 120, Ash Road, Aldershot.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Northalerton on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) available for ringing. Tea at Russell's Cafe at 5 p.m., 1s. 3d. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than January 20th. All ringers are welcome.—J. Reed, Hon. Sec., 67, Hedley Street, Guisborough, Yorks.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch, Grimsby District.—The annual district meeting will be held at SS. James' and Mary's, Grimsby, on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells available 2.30 to 4.15 and 8 to 9. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., at Church House, at 1s. 6d. Business meeting to follow. Let us have all towers represented. Please send a postcard to me by the Wednesday previous.—H. Mingay, Hon. Dis. Sec., 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A ringing practice will be held at Maids Moreton (6 bells), on Saturday, January 22nd, from 5 p.m. Visitors welcomed.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bradford Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Goring, Oxon (8 bells), on Saturday, January 22nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (9d.) at 5 p.m. Streatley bells available. All visitors very welcome. Please notify number for tea.—T. W. Palmer, Hon. Sec., 128, Halls Road, Tilehurst.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Edenham, on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting at Five Bells Inn. Notification for tea to be sent to Mr. A. Holmes, Edenham, Bourne, Lincs, by Wednesday previous, please. All welcome. Outstanding subscriptions for 1937 should now be paid.—C. T. H. Bradley, Hon. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead (10 bells) on Saturday, January 22nd. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Parish Room at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Alton and Petersfield District.—The annual meeting will be held at Alton (St. Laurence's) on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5, followed by business meeting. Kindly let me know numbers for tea by Wednesday, January 19th.—C. E. Bassett, Hon. Dis. Sec., 32, Charles Street, Petersfield.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please advise Mr. J. H. Masters, 25, Boulby Street, Houghton-le-Spring. All welcome.—F. Robson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hunts Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Huntingdon, on Saturday, January 22nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kington District.—The annual meeting will be held at Staunton-on-Arrow on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Anyone requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, January 26th.—J. B. Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ryde on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Welby Institute, followed by the annual business meeting. All requiring tea please notify by January 27th, to H. J. James, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Portland Street, Newport, I.O.W.

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**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The district annual meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea, followed by the meeting, at 5.30 p.m. All district members are urged to attend, as the meetings for the year will be provisionally fixed. Other ringers will be cordially welcomed. To enable arrangements to be made for tea, *do please* let me have a card by the Thursday morning previous at the latest.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—NOTE: The payment of an annual subscription does *not* release our members from their duty to attend *their* meetings and, having noted and resolved accordingly, read on. The annual meeting of the Guildford District will be held at Guildford on Saturday, January 29th. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells in the afternoon. Shalford in the evening. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.15 p.m. Please send me your numbers for tea by January 25th.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—South Forest Branch.—Next meeting will be held at Ruardean on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Church Schools. Business meeting after. All ringers who require tea must let me know by Wednesday, January 26th.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Hon. Sec., 11, Victoria Road, Lydney, Glos.

**NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North Norfolk Branch.—The annual general meeting of this branch will be held at Buxton on Saturday, January 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea at 4.45. *Please note:* A free tea for all who send a card by Wednesday, the 26th, to Mr. W. C. Duffield, Flour Mills, Buxton, Norwich, or H. Tooke, Branch Sec., The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woolwich, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Further particulars next week. Subscriptions for 1938 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Midhurst on Saturday, January 29th. Tower open 2.45 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15, at Short Bros., 1s. per head. Half-rail fare (maximum 1s. 6d.) to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, January 29th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea, 1s. each, at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. As there is important financial business to transact, details of which have been circulated to towers, all members are requested to attend. The district committee will meet at 3.45 p.m. Further ringing in the evening. Special method, Double Oxford Bob Major. Please advise me for tea by January 26th.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 21, Vincent Road, E.4. Tel., Larkwood 1959.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury and District Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Service 4 o'clock, followed by tea and short business meeting. Please let me know in good time to order your tea.—E. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday, January 29th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m., and again in the evening. Service 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30 p.m. at Oak Lounge, Church Street, followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea to be sent to Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, not later than Tuesday, January 25th. All ringers and friends heartily welcome.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Earls Colne on Saturday, January 29th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr. F. Ridgewell, Queen's Road, Earls Colne, not later than Wednesday, January 26th.—H. G. Snowden, Hon. Sec., 3, Belle Vue, Hedington Road, Halstead, Essex.

**WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—The annual general meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 29th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by January 25th to Mr. C. W. Munday, 21, Southend Road, Basingstoke.—J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Yateley, Hants.

**NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The first annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, on Saturday, February 12th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 3s. 6d. each, can be obtained from K. Thacker, Corner House, Reeves Avenue, Newcastle, and A. Thompson, 37, Broad Street, Newcastle, Staffs, not later than February 1st.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Mr. Cecil W. Pipe is 3, Woodville Road, Ipswich.

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